

**RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)**

**Meeting 27/06/2023 7.30pm**

**23 Rowney Gardens, Sawbridgeworth**

**Present:** Ruth and Eric Buckmaster, Adrienne Richardson, Colin Gill, Hazel & Dave Mead, Eugene Keddy, Elizabeth Waugh, Lanier Pole, Nickie Hancock

Apologies: Robinne, Steve R, Geoff

Purpose of Meeting: Update on trees project and Planning for events

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/ decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Ruth welcomed everyone & we received apologies from Robinne, and Geoff	
<b>Update on replanting proposal</b>	<p>A discussion took place on the next steps for the trees project specifically around getting some expert advice on the planting &amp; type of trees. Paul has sent a very detailed and technical reply by email which everyone had read and has suggested a meeting at the Orchard – This will be followed up by Colin and hopefully attended by as many as possible. The key seems to be that we have a spread of historical trees at the orchard to maintain the legacy. It has been stated that Rivers is the last mother orchard in UK</p> <p>Post meeting Colin confirmed Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Orchard</p> <p>We thanked Colin, Lanier and Rob for the work they have been doing on behalf of RHSO</p>	<b>Colin</b>
<b>Maintenance update</b>	<p>Adrienne reported that two batches of mulch had been delivered since the last meeting and this is good useable woodchip. The first batch has already been used and she explained that we shouldn't do any more mulching until the grass has been cut but could use some mulch to do some topping up.</p> <p>We had a discussion on the border hedging – work has started on the Eastern border and there are some dead trees in the meadow and the northern hedging/ trees.</p> <p>We went on to talk about the other southern area and decided we were not sure if the farmer owned it but concluded that it's not a problem at the moment so not worth doing.</p> <p>We thanked Adrienne for all her work</p>	
<b>Finance Update</b>	<p>Hazel updated us on the accounts £5432</p> <p>We had a discussion on the potential ring fencing of donations and decided that £1000 should be set aside for the trees project – this was agreed by all present.</p> <p>We had a discussion regarding the new owner of Full of Beans and hope that he will continue with the juice selling</p>	<b>Hazel</b>

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	<p>on the same basis as Trula. We agreed that we need to be flexible over the amount of juice produced and cost per bottle.</p> <p>We currently have 22 crates in store</p> <p>Trula has sold £3000 worth of juice we all agreed to a voucher of £25 and signed a card of thanks</p>	
<b>Future Events</b>	<p><b>Scarecrow event 9/10 September</b> Nickie to do rota (no Hazel, Ruth for 10<sup>th</sup> only)</p> <p><b>Town Selfie Walk 30 September</b> For Apple Day leaflets</p> <p><b>Apple Day – Confirmed 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> Ruth to ask Peter to attend Adrienne to talk to juicers (costs , delivery &amp; potential use excess apples) Adrienne to talk to Steve about van hire &amp; explore alternatives Meeting to discuss detail agreed or 22<sup>nd</sup> August</p>	<p><b>Nickie</b></p> <p><b>Ruth</b></p> <p><b>Adrienne</b></p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>First Aiders</b> Nickie to ask regular volunteers if anyone else could train to cover us. Ross Leary could run a session as a group Carried Forward (post meeting Steve &amp; Lanier have kindly volunteered to be trained and provide cover)</p> <p><b>Storage:</b> Ruth to progress</p> <p><b>Teddy Bears Picnic –</b> we agreed we would do it again &amp; would only mow the same area &amp; warn people of wild parsley &amp; hogweed)</p> <p><b>300 year event –</b> we had a very short discussion which generated much enthusiasm so we decided to arrange another meeting after the Apple Day</p> <p><b>Probus talk request –</b> Eric will do this in principle (next year)</p> <p><b>Archive Material –</b> Elizabeth has listed all the archive material which is updated &amp; will circulate to everyone via Nickie 2 files will be kept in the library for public to view – this will be a reproduction of what we have &amp; Nickie will work with Elizabeth to copy and collate</p>	<p><b>Nickie</b></p> <p><b>Ruth</b></p> <p><b>Nickie</b></p> <p><b>Eric</b></p> <p><b>Nickie</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth /Nickie</b></p>
	Next meeting Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August for Apple Day planning	<b>Nickie</b>